

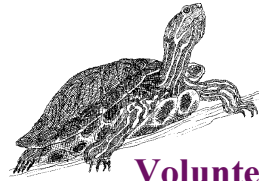


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**August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area  
Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center  
Rockwoods Reservation**



### Volunteer Opportunity

Do you have experience with or a keen interest in amphibians and reptiles? The Busch Area is looking for responsible adults who are willing to give at least 3 hours per week as a herp keeper.

For more information, contact  
Shanna Raeker at 636-441-4554 ext. 327.



## *Making Tracks*

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## Volunteer Milestones

### Powder Valley Nature Center

#### **November 2001**

Alma Dulz .....2500 hours  
Marjorie Yamada..2000 hours  
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Paula Lee .....700 hours  
Shirley Fitzgibbons.600 hours  
Christina Ritter ....400 hours  
Doris Peters .....200 hours  
Animal Care hours ...27 hours

#### **December 2001**

Jack McGinnis....3600 hours  
Art Paule .....3300 hours  
Charlie Anderson..3100 hours  
Bill Maass .....2600 hours  
Etta Mae Eagle ..2200 hours  
Ginnie Young ....1300 hours  
Frank Sadorf .....900 hours  
Animal Care hours....31 hours

*Thanks for all your  
effort and help!*

### Busch Conservation Area

Dick Baumann...1300 hours  
Dot Niemeyer.....2300 hours

### Rockwoods Reservation

Mary Demmitt .....400 hours  
Robin Gavlick .....600 hours  
Karen Kelly .....2600 hours  
LaVerne Koyn .....600 hours  
Betty Lorange .....900 hours  
John Schroeder .....600 hours

Frogs sing? One might never think to put the two words together. I have though! For as long as I can remember, I've waited impatiently for the first songs of spring, the Spring Peepers. I know when they begin calling, the warm weather is starting to arrive and the bleakness of winter is about to give way to the newness of spring. OK, frogs don't really sing songs, still their voices are music to my ears! Why do they make the sounds that they do? Are they really celebrating spring, or is there more to their frog songs?

Frogs are members of the amphibian world. So are their cousins, the toads. These animals make musical sounds we call songs, to establish territory and attract a mate. Because they are amphibians, they are cold-blooded and breeding activity begins only when it warms up enough for them to be active. Only males call. Sound is produced in the throat by moving air over the vocal chords and enhanced by resonating the sound in the vocal sac. Often, on the first warm rainy nights of spring, a person can witness an amphibian migration from forest to pond where the singing starts the breeding process.

Generally, Spring Peepers are the first singers, calling on warmer, moist nights in late February to early March. After the breeding season, they can be heard calling day or night from wooded areas, especially after a rain. Their call is a clear, high-pitched peep, with a slight rise at the end. For tiny frogs, their songs can be deafening if you happen to go near an active pond.

Shortly after, and sometimes along with the Spring Peepers, the call of the American Toad can be heard. It is a high-

## Frog Songs

*by Tamie Yegge,  
Nature Center Manager*



pitched trill, lasting up to 30 seconds. Toads will gather around any pool of temporary water, from drainage ditches to storm puddles, as well as ponds. Often, their small, black tadpoles are seen swimming around these small bodies of standing water.

Mixed into the chorus this time of year is my personal favorite in terms of cute; the Gray Treefrog. In Missouri, this species sings from early April through early July. Gray Treefrogs like woodland ponds, but some folks who live in wooded areas may find them in plants on their porch, calling for a mate! Their call is a musical, pulsing, bird-like trill, and can be startling if it starts when you go out to water your plants!

The Blanchard's Cricket Frog isn't much of a singer, but its loud, cricket-like

noises can be heard around early April. Its sound is somewhat like two small stones being tapped quickly together. The males will continue to call throughout the summer, even though their breeding is completed sometime in mid-July.

Later in the summer you can hear the deep calls of the Bullfrog. They are the football players of the amphibian world, aggressively defending their calling stations by bumping, pushing and even biting intruding males. Their call is a deep "jug-o-rum" which can be heard near lakes, ponds and rivers on warm summer nights. Their song can be heard for a distance of a half mile or more.

I could go on about the "music" of frog songs. It would be more fun, though, for you to listen for yourself. What can you lose? It's spring. Love is in the air, and the frogs are singing.....

If you're not in a good spot to hear the real thing, stop by one of our gift shops and indulge yourself with a *Toads and Frogs in Missouri* CD (\$8.00) or cassette (\$5.00) which provides you with information about and song samples of the most common MO species of toads and frogs. It also comes with a poster of pictures of the little singers! For even more information, pick up *The Amphibians and Reptiles of Missouri* handbook (\$18 soft bound and \$22 hard bound) by retired State Herpetologist, Tom R. Johnson.





News from

# Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center

## Resident Artisans



### Woodburning Wildlife

**Saturday, March 2**

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday, March 3**

Noon - 4:00 p.m.



(All ages) Powder Valley is proud to once again have freelance artist Lynda Rosenthal demonstrate woodburning techniques with Missouri wildlife themes in our lobby March 2 & 3. Some pieces will be painted and several will be burned on basswood. Finished pieces will be on sale. Come learn this timeless skill.

*No reservations necessary!*

Come and visit our Gift Shop and see the new revised edition of "Mammals of MO" Price: \$39.95




## Frontiers Afternoon Chapter to Open

What did the bumble bee say to the bud?  
"When are ya' open?"

Well, the bud opens in spring, along with the new Powder Valley Conservation Frontiers Afternoon Chapter.

Frontiers, a statewide program, encourages the development of conservation minded citizens. Through a series of activities, all ages discover Missouri's biodiversity and earn awards along the way.

In addition to our already established evening chapter for ages 7-18 and their leaders, Powder Valley is starting a Homeschool Frontiers chapter beginning in April. The new chapter will meet on the second Wednesday of the month from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Whether you are interested in being a leader, participating in a our chapter, or completing the program on your own, call Powder Valley at (314) 301-1500 and talk to Colleen Scott at ext. 2231 or Catherine McGrane at ext. 2233. 

## MEET BRAD JACOBS AUTHOR OF *BIRDS IN MISSOURI*

Saturday, March 30, 2002

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

*Here's your chance to get your copy of Birds in Missouri signed by the author!*

Mr. Jacobs will be signing books in the lobby at Powder Valley from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. He will then give a short talk with slides in the auditorium at 3:15 p.m., returning to the lobby at 4:00 p.m. to sign books. His visit will conclude at 5:00 p.m.

Our gift shop will be open until 4:30 p.m. in case you haven't purchased this beautiful book already.  
*No reservations necessary.*

## "Show-Me Missouri Fish"


April 6, 2002

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. & Noon - 12:30 p.m.

2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. & 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

What is 40 feet long and holds, among other things, 3200-gallons of water? No. We're not putting a pool in at Powder Valley. The Missouri Department of Conservation's "Show-Me Missouri Fish" mobile aquarium will be on display at the Nature Center.

MDC's Fisheries Biologist, Jeff Finley, loves bringing fish to an environment where people can observe them. The exhibit features up to 70 of Missouri's native fish, representing 15 to 25 different game species in a natural setting of logs, rocks and indigenous Missouri plants.

Come and see some of the more popular sport and game fish along with fish rarely seen by most people. Learn fish identification, various species' adaptations and fish ecology as well as fishing techniques. All ages can try our Virtual Fishing Simulator while the younger ones can practice on the casting lanes. No reservations necessary. 

11715 Cragwold Road  
Kirkwood, MO 63122  
(314) 301 - 1500

## LOCATION:

From I-44 east in Kirkwood, take Watson Road, exit and turn north on Geyer Road. Follow Geyer Road 200 yards to Cragwold Road. Go 1 mile west on Cragwold Road.

## AREA HOURS:

Daylight Savings Time:

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Central Standard Time:

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## NATURE CENTER HOURS:

Open all year, 7 days a week, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## GIFT SHOP HOURS:

Open all year, 7 days a week, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## ABOUT THE AREA:

112 acres of forestland and winding creeks, three hiking trails (one wheelchair accessible). Open to visitors free of charge.



## The Educators' Niche

by Dennis Cooke, Outdoor Skills Education Specialist

## Learning An Outdoor Skill Will Enhance Your Outdoor Adventures


Missouri's natural resources belong to all its residents. Every day more people are going outdoors to hunt, fish, boat, hike, camp, photograph, explore and learn about nature. The skills used in these activities can have direct effects on the resources, both positive and negative. It is important to learn how to use proper outdoor recreational equipment and methods to minimize your impact on the environment while maximizing your enjoyment of the outdoors.

Recreational outdoor skills like shooting sports, casting and angling, trapping, archery, backpacking, camping, and map and compass skills are taught all over the St. Louis area. One of MDC's curriculum guides, *Fishing Basics*, has all the information you need to get started with this popular sport. It explains the basics of fishing, proper equipment, ethics of fishing and fish identification. If you are more interested in history, learning about historic crafts and skills will create a greater appreciation of Missouri's outdoor heritage. Another curriculum guide *Historic Crafts and Skills*, has plans for 18 projects to help you and your students re-live Missouri history.

## Word of the Month:

**Cassette**, a large wooden box used to carry supplies

When you are researching an outdoor skill, gather and study information on the activity. If possible contact a person who is already doing the activity for pointers, then acquire the materials needed for the activity. Then go outside and enjoy!

Information for this article was taken from the Conservation Education Series. To get copies of the curriculum mentioned in this article, visit our website at [www.conservation.state.mo.us](http://www.conservation.state.mo.us) or request a "Conservation Education Materials Request Form" from any of our local offices. 

## SOULARD OUTDOOR TEACHER RESOURCE CENTER

For reservations, call (314) 231-3803

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Tuesday

## Fishing Basics

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

(Families) Learn how to choose a rod, reel and bait for a super fishing experience. Discover the best places to fish in the St. Louis area! Sign up right away as space is limited to 15 people. (Reservations begin March 5.)

## Project WET

Saturday, April 20, 2002

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) is a national environmental curricula based on water.

Get hundreds of K-12 hands-on interdisciplinary lesson plans that teach all about it. Cost is \$15.

For more information call Liz Lyons at (314) 231-3803.

## Outdoor Skills Programs:

- Families: **WOW (Wonders of the Outdoor World)**, will take place May 3-5, 2002, at Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial State Park. For more information contact [www.wowstlouis.com](http://www.wowstlouis.com) or the Missouri Department of Conservation at (636) 441-4554.
- Women: **BOW (Becoming an Outdoors Woman)**. If you are a woman and are new to outdoor skills, the BOW program is right for you. Programs are held year-round. Contact Ken Sloan or Mariah Hughes at (573) 751-4115 ext. 3189.

Organizations wanting to set up an outdoor skills camp should call  
Dennis E. Cooke,  
*Outdoor Skills Education Specialist*  
at (314) 231-3803 for information.

the  
**Outdoor Teacher**



## The Outdoor Teacher Education Resource Center

Hours:

Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

(closed 11:00 - Noon for lunch)

1926 S. 12th St.

St. Louis, MO 63104

(314) 231-3803

## BUSCH RANGE

Hours for March 2002:

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday - Tuesday

Closed Wednesday & Thursday

For more information,  
call 636.441.4554 ext. 251

## HENGES RANGE

Hours for March 2002:

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Wednesday - Sunday

Closed Monday & Tuesday,  
Special Events & Holidays

For more information,  
call 636.938.9548



News from  
August A. **Busch** Memorial Conservation Area



*Mark your calendars!*  
The August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area presents:  
**Wetlands for Kids**  
Saturday, April 6, 2002  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

It's back, and bigger than ever! The Wetlands for Kids event offers plenty of hands-on activities that your family will love! Identify duck species in the "Duckwing Maze", crawl through a beaver lodge, learn what lives in the water, sample waterfowl treats. Learn how to call a duck, practice your skills at the shooting range, see and touch live wetland creatures, watch the Labrador retrievers at work, create a wetland scene at the art station and much more! This is an excellent example of teamwork and partnering by state, private and corporate organizations with a vested interest in providing our landowners of the future with an opportunity to learn about the importance of our wetland resources. Sponsors include: Missouri Department of Conservation, Ducks Unlimited and the Monsanto Fund.



For more information, call (636) 441-4554.



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**Signs of Spring**

by Sarah Winfrey, Naturalist

Too often spring's approach is only signaled by a change in the calendar. While navigating our lives we can miss those signs that herald the changing of the seasons, the turning of time and the passing of opportunities to explore the natural community.

What if you could see past the screams of outdoor advertising and written directions? Buds, unnoticed on dormant oaks and redbuds, suddenly catch your eye and you can imagine the explosion lying in wait. A single robin poking around the yard hints at rainstorms instead of sleet and snow. And migrating ducks and geese are crossing the skies overhead. But there is more!



The clues lead you into the forest where the hunt begins for morel mushrooms, pushing up from the moist soil in the sleeping woods. Migrant songbirds splash color in the treetops as they court their mates and work diligently on nests. Spring wildflowers nod with ephemeral beauty in a cold breeze. Then you stand at a pond's edge at twilight and hear peepers, toads and tree frogs belt out a deafening chorus. Spring is so close you can smell the change in the air.

As the days grow longer, take the time to look for these and other signs of spring. They offer fun and satisfaction that "Keep off the Grass" and "Do Not Enter" cannot possibly match.



**2360 Highway D  
St. Charles, MO  
63304  
(636) 441 - 4554**

**LOCATION:**  
*From Hwy 40*, take 94 south to Hwy D; turn west on D for approx. 1 mile.  
*From I-70*, take 94/First Capitol exit; turn south on Hwy 94 to Hwy D; turn west on D for approx. 1 mile. The area entrance is on the north side of Hwy D.

**HOURS:**  
Area is open from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. See area regulations for special hunt hours. Fishing hours are from 6 a.m. until 9 p.m. Rental boats are available April 1 through September 30. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. It is closed some state holidays.

**ABOUT THE AREA:**  
6,987 acres with 32 lakes and 40 ponds totaling 526 acres of water for fishing. There are six viewing blinds (two are wheelchair accessible), seven hiking trails totaling 5 miles, picnic area, staffed firearms range, and fishing jetties (some are wheelchair accessible). The area has interpretive programs, exhibits, demonstration sites and is used by bicyclists.

News from  
**Rockwoods** Reservation

**2751 Glencoe Road  
Wildwood, MO 63038  
(636) 458 - 2236**

**LOCATION:**  
*From I-44*, take Hwy 109 (Eureka exit) north 4 miles to Woods Avenue; left on Woods Avenue, and then immediately right on Glencoe Road; follow signs.  
*From Hwy 40 (I-64)*, take Clarkson Road south to Manchester Road; right (west) on Manchester to Hwy 109; left (south) on Highway 109, 2 miles to Woods Avenue; right on Woods Avenue, and then immediately right on Glencoe Road; follow signs.  
*From Manchester Road*, take Hwy 109 south 2 miles to Woods Avenue; right on Woods Avenue, and immediately right on Glencoe Road; follow signs.

**AREA HOURS:**  
Sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset.

**VISITOR CENTER HOURS:**  
Open seven days a week all year, except holidays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ABOUT THE AREA:**  
All facilities are free to the public including:  
\*Education Center with exhibits and interpretive programs.  
\*1,898 acres of rugged, mostly hardwood forested land interspersed with springs and streams.  
\*Two picnic areas (one with charcoal grills) with drinking water, tables, and toilets.  
\*Seven trails (one is self-guided and wheelchair accessible) totaling more than 10 miles.

March is a very productive time of year; with many animals being born or hatched. Rockwoods Reservation office is flooded with calls on what to do with orphaned or injured young animals. Here are a few tips that may help you out:

If you happen to find a baby bird that has fallen out of its nest, don't panic. If there isn't anything in your yard to harm it, like a cat or dog, you can leave it on the ground and the parents will feed it there. Do you remember that old myth that if you touch a baby bird the mother will smell your scent and won't take care of it anymore? This is not true. Most birds do not have a sense of smell. If you have pets and the nest is within arms reach, you can put it back in the same nest or if you see another occupied nest, even if it's home to another kind of bird, stick the fallen bird in that nest. It's amazing - birds can't count. **DO NOT** climb the tree to put the bird back.

Rabbits are also a large concern due to the fact that many people think that some bunny babies are orphaned. If you disturb a nest, which usually consists of a shallow den topped with a clump of grass, please put the clump of grass back on top of the den and walk away very quietly. Baby rabbits are extremely high-strung and stress easily. You never want to pick up a baby rabbit, even though it is tempting; they could die under the stress. We receive several

calls about possible orphaned rabbits in people's backyards. Baby rabbits actually leave the nest between 13 and 16 days after birth and are still very small compared to the adult rabbits. They may return to the nest or remain nearby for several more days.

Many people whp see a fawn without its mother nearby think that it has been abandoned. However the mother is probably close, but not visible. Does only visit their fawns long enough to nurse them. They do not want to attract predators to their young. The Missouri Department of Conservation asks that if you find a fawn without a mother around, to leave it alone and do not disturb it. Moving it or scaring it will only increase its chances of becoming prey. Does spend a tremendous amount of energy making sure their fawns are safe. Bringing a fawn into a rehabilitation clinic, or MDC office will not only depart it from its mother, but when it is eventually released, it will have a very slim chance of survival compared to that of an undisturbed fawn.

There are a few wildlife rehabilitation centers around St. Louis that you can call if you happen to find an injured or animal. They will be able to give you advice on what to do for your particular situation. If you have other questions about wildlife, do not hesitate to call the Rockwoods Reservation Education Center.

**Take Animal Actions!**

by Erin Connett, Naturalist





# How to register for a MARCH Program

Reservations are required unless otherwise specified. Reservations will be taken Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Programs are intended for individuals and families only. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel your reservation as a courtesy to those on our waiting list. Please limit requests to two programs per month, with only one to include an Ages 3-6 program. **Please be prompt. Arrival after 10 minutes may exclude you from the program.** Interpreting services are available for people with hearing loss with five days advance notice.

## ROCKWOODS

For reservations, call (636) 458 - 2236

### 16 State Symbols

*Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*  
(Scouts) For Wolves: Your Flag #2d, Bears: What Makes America Special #3e, Junior Girl Scouts: Let's Go Outdoors: Wildlife #1. The Discovery Table does not meet all of the requirements of the badges, only those listed!



### 16 Bluebird Condo Workshop

*Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*  
(Families) Learn about Missouri's state bird and build a nesting box to take home (one per family.) Bring a hammer and Phillips screwdriver. This program is indoors. (Reservations begin March 4.)

### 19 Toddling Into Nature: What do you feed your baby?

*Tuesday 1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.*  
(Ages 3-6) We know what we feed our babies but what do other animals feed to their babies? Join us as we discover who is born in the spring and what they eat! (Reservations begin March 5.)

### 20 Owl Prowl

*Wednesday 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.*  
(Families) Join us as we go in search of these fascinating birds of prey. This program is outdoors so dress for the weather. (Reservations begin March 6.)

### 21 Homeschool Special Paper Making

*Thursday 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.*  
(Ages 3 & up) We will make and create art using recycled paper, dried seeds, flowers and other natural materials. Everyone will make a bookmark to take home. (Reservations begin March 7.)

### 23 Easter Wreath for the Birds

*Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*  
(Families) Help feed the birds by crafting a natural wreath with edible goodies for our feathered friends. Materials provided. (Reservations begin March 8.)

### 26 Wormology

*Tuesday 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.*  
(Ages 7-12) Join us as we learn all about our legless friends and take home a worm in its own underground palace! Please bring a small jar to construct the underground palace. (Reservations begin March 12.)

### 27 Cave Crawl

*Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - Noon & 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.*  
(Ages 8 & up) Join us for this spelunking excursion into Rockwoods crawl cave. Why is it called a crawl cave? Because you have to crawl on your stomach and back to get in!! Wear old clothes, sturdy boots and bring a flashlight - helmets will be provided. (Reservations begin March 13.)

## Jay Henges Range & Training Center

For reservations, please call (636) 441 - 4554

### 9 Introduction to Shotgun Reloading

*Saturday 9:00 a.m. - Noon*  
Learn the basics of shotgun reloading. Topics will include shotgun reloading press selection, components, tools, reloading bench, designs and cost benefits.

### 30 Youth Turkey Hunting Clinic

*Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.*  
Limited to 30 youths, ages 15 or younger. To meet the demand for introductory youth hunting opportunities, the National Wild Turkey Federation and MDC developed this program. Topics include Missouri turkey hunting regulations, firearms safety, safe turkey hunting tips, turkey biology and habitat, turkey calling and turkey hunting techniques and shotgun patterning.

## BUSCH AREA

For reservations, call (636) 441 - 4554

### 2 Forest, Facts, & Fun

*Saturday 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.*  
(All Ages) Learn how a forest is a community of plants and animals. Includes an optional 30-minute hike. (Reservations begin February 15.)

### 5 Purple Martins- Up Close & Personal

*Tuesday 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.*  
(Adults) Learn to attract these "aerial insectivores" to your backyard. (Reservations begin February 19.)

### 9 Project WET

*Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.*  
(Homeschool Parents) Discover activities designed to help kids learn about water resources. Parents will receive a 516-page curriculum and activity guide. Workshop registration fee is \$15, to cover the cost of the activity guide and is due with reservation. (Reservations begin February 18 by mail.)

### 9 Scouting for Badges Discovery Table Animal Try-Its

*Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*  
(Brownies) Work on activities from Eco-Explorer, Outdoor Adventurer and Animals. (No reservations necessary.)

### 10 The Art of Arrows

*Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.*  
(Ages 15 & up) Learn to make and tune aluminum and composite arrows. (Reservations begin February 22.)

### 16 Migrating Ducks

*Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*  
(All Ages) Join us for a 3-mile hike to duck watch at Marais Temps Clair CA. (Reservations begin March 1.)

### 16 "Cheer-a-lee" It's Spring!

*Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.*  
(All Ages) Discover the American Robin and build a nesting platform. (Reservations begin March 1.)

### 18 Conservation Jeopardy

*Monday 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.*  
(Ages 7-12) Test your animal knowledge and trivia skills! (Reservations begin March 4.)

### 20 Let's Read About...

*Wednesday 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.*  
(Ages 3-5) Children's books provide great environmental awareness. This month we'll read The Lorax. (Reservations begin March 6.)

### 21 Bunnies Hop!!

*Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. - Noon*  
(Ages 3-6) Come learn about these cuddly critters. Includes a short hike. (Reservations begin March 7.)

### 23 Put A Little Spring In Your Step!

*Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.*  
(All Ages) Join us for a short hike to discover the forest in early spring. (Reservations begin March 8.)

### 23 What Comes From Eggs?

*Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.*  
(Ages 3-5) Come find out and then join us for an egg hunt! (Reservations begin March 8.)

### 27 Raptors

*Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.*  
(Ages 9-12) Come learn about the stealth bombers of the bird world! (Reservations begin March 13.)



### 30 Amphibian Night Hike

*Saturday 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.*  
(Adults) Join us for a 2-mile hike at Marais Temps Clair CA, and hear some great frog songs! (Reservation begin March 15.)

## POWDER VALLEY

For reservations, call (314) 301 - 1500

### 2 Trail Signs Scout Discovery Table

*Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*  
Find out how to make a variety of trail markers and learn how to read them by visiting the Trail Signs Discovery Table at Powder Valley CNC. Although this table is specially designed to help Junior Girl Scouts accomplish parts of "Let's Get Outdoors: Finding Your Way #2 and #9, all Scouts are welcome and encouraged to stop by. "Which way did they go?" Come and learn how to find out! (No reservations necessary.)

### 19 HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS

*Tuesday 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*  
**Do You Have A Backbone?** (Ages 3-6) What makes vertebrates special? Learn about various vertebrates and make one to take home. (Reservations begin March 5.)  
**Varied Vertebrates** (Ages 7-12) How is a frog like a bird? How are they different? Discover answers to these and other questions pertaining to animals & their habitats. (Reservations begin March 5.)

### 20 Emmenegger Hike

*Wednesday 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.*  
(Adults) Join us for a leisurely walk on the Emmenegger trails to see the early signs of spring. Dress for the weather. (Reservations begin March 6.)

### 23 Peter Cottontail The Easter Bunny

*Saturday 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.*  
(Ages 3-6) Learn about rabbits – facts and fiction. (Reservations begin March 12.)

### 23 Night And Day, You Are The One

*Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*  
(Adults) It's not the Cole Porter song, it's the vernal (spring) equinox. Learn about the equinox & take a short hike to see what changes it brings. (Reservations begin March 12.)

### 26 Eager Entomologists

*Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.*  
(Ages 3-6) Discover the wonders of life's creepy crawlies, hoppers and "flutterbys," through story, song, and hands-on exploration. We'll observe, then release the "critters" we catch outside. Dress for the weather. (Reservations begin March 12.)

### 30 Emmenegger Hike

*Saturday 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.*  
(Adults) Join us for a leisurely walk on the Emmenegger trails to see the early signs of spring. Dress for the weather. (Reservations begin March 19.)



## Busch Shooting Range

For reservations, call (636) 441-4554

### 2 Introduction to Archery

*Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*  
This course is designed for the person who wants to learn and understand the basics of archery and equipment. Open to all ages. Participants who sign up and attend this class must be over 18 years of age or attend with a parent/guardian.

### 16 Parent and Child Firearms Orientation

*Saturday 8:00 a.m.*  
An all-day program of firearms orientation and shooting for parent and child 12 years of age and older. The program will provide instruction in gun handling, range and field safety, emphasizing the enjoyment of shooting as wholesome recreation. Guns, ammunition and targets will be provided, however you may bring your own shotgun and ammunition.

### 30 Bowhunter Education

*Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 pm*  
The Missouri Bowhunter Education course meets the requirements for those states that require mandatory Bowhunter Education Certification. Students 15 years of age and under must attend with an adult. All students must attend entire course and pass an exam to become certified.